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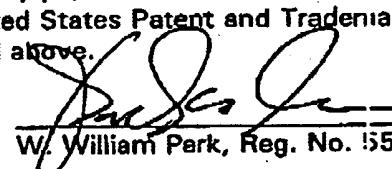
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

The Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2004, setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for a reply ending on October 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. This amendment is considered to place the application in better condition for allowance.

No fee is believed to be required with this amendment, but, if this is not the case, please charge the requisite fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit

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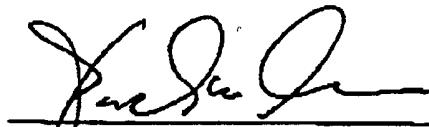
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For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-16, now pending in this application, either have been allowed or are in condition for allowance. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance in the next action. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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